

CRISMAN, FRED LEE

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NOTE: This number did check out at CRISMAN'S Tacoma (as opposed to his Oregon) residence. The number, unpublished, was listed to a local number 414175. See attached follow-up memo in this regard. J.E.

Mr. G: Out on the coast is a man you could talk with. Trace this information out. His name is Fred Lee Crisman, of Tacoma, Wash. He flies to New Orleans steadily. 1964 eleven times, 1965, 17 times, 1966, 32 times, 1967 24 times. He is the first man that Clay called after being told he was in trouble and he is the first man that Beckham called also. He was questioned by both CIA and FBI in 1965 but he is able to call Wash. and they laid off of him in a hurry. He is very good friends with the Cubans and especially S.A. in Dallas (he goes there too) and J.R. in New O.

Mr. Crisman is a very old man. He supplied the money for certain political campaigns and in return is very much protected by both Lou. politicians and Wash. state people. He has a diplomatic passport issued on the word of a senate chairman of a committee. He seems to have no income and certainly spends a large sum of money on air travel. He is friends with F. Grenillion of your state. His private office has an unlisted number (206 Ma 7-4790) and it is the meeting place for many odd characters from Cubans to political figures. Ask him to take a lie detector test and then ask him where he put the \$200,000.00 dollars delivered to him by Beckham in August of '67. (Cuban Money) Money that is used to recruit killers to be sent to Cuba to try for Castro ask him if it is not true that he has sent 5 different men to S.A. in Dallas for final briefing. Make Crisman talk and you will have the answer to why there has been fighting among certain Cuban factions over the money in certain buried places. You know this is true because some special Cubans have dropped out of sight. (Dropped in Torpedo Junction) Crisman is also a pilot. He is the man that through Beckham and S.A. paid off certain people is it not odd that he is a friend of Clay's as well as Beckham. Is it not strange that he knew Tippi? Just ask Crisman certain question under a lie detector and see

what the answers are. He is the one that advised Mark Evans to hide out in Iowa and NOT to go to M.O. to make any statement about money or anything. Have an investigator check out the amount of long distance calls that Beckham (Evans) has made to Crisman in the past year and the wild places Crisman calls. He is leaving for Europe in Jan. Keep digging, Jim, you have some odd fish on the run

NOTE: This is the correct "stage name" for THOMAS E. BECKHAM. J.E.

Re: FRED LEE CRISMAN

→ (TURNER MEMO)

Market 7-4790 is a Residence service, non-published number at 928 North Grant in Tacoma, Washington billed to W. D. White.

Service was established in August 1967 and is still a working line. W. D. White is an army man -- good credit rating.

MA 7-4790 is in process of being changed to MA 7-6330 also a non-published number.

MA 7-4893 is working at the same address as above, billed to W. D. White. Service established January 1959 and is still working.

The current Telephone Directory (July 1967 issue) contains listing for F. Lee Crisman P.H.D. (same address as above) 928 North Grant, Tacoma, MA 7-4893 as an additional listing on the service of W. D. White. Additional listing started October 1966.

Jim:

This is all we could get on the # you had for Fred Lee Crisman. To get the toll tickets we would have to make a request of the FCC -- and that is out from here.

this is a fishy situation: a non-pub # to White of the U.S. Army (D.O.D. is standard C.I.A. cover), now being charged, with additional service -- at a residence -- to Crisman, who is listed as a P.H.D.

Bill T.

RE: FRED LEE CRISTMAN

MEMORANDUM
(LAVENDER MEMO)

February 19, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: WILLIAM BOXLEY, Investigator

RE: Interview with BOB LAVENDER

When originally contacted from New Orleans early in January, LAVENDER lived at the White House Apartments, 523 Denning Way in Apartment #9, Seattle, Washington. He has no listed telephone. The landlady of the apartment also has an unlisted telephone. It was determined, however, that her name is MRS. JOHNSON and that her phone number is EA. 9-2130.

Another tenant in the apartment is WOLFGANG JOST whose telephone number is EA. 3-6718.

LAVENDER stated that mail could be cover addressed to him in care of DAN R. BROWN, 715 Second Avenue, N., Apartment 2, Seattle, Washington. LAVENDER insisted that all contact to him be executed only through his attorney in San Francisco (See addenda). After two days of negotiation with the attorney in San Francisco funds were advanced in the form of an aircraft ticket for LAVENDER to fly from Seattle to San Francisco and a meeting was set up at the Jack Tar Hotel on the night of January 18, 1968. The interview was conducted in the presence of LAVENDER's attorney. Neither LAVENDER nor his attorney would permit the conversation to be recorded. At the beginning of the interview the attorney required specific reassurance that this office was interested in learning nothing from LAVENDER other than his knowledge of the individuals about whom he had written the office. There seemed to be some apprehension on the part of both LAVENDER and his attorney that we might wish to inquire into matters which they implied were under investigation by Federal authorities at that time. In connection with this, it's noteworthy that arrests were made shortly after the meeting with LAVENDER in the Seattle area of a number of persons described by the FBI as Minutemen who had been conspiring to rob a number of banks in Seattle.

LAVENDER who is approximately 27 or 28 years of age, stands about 6'2 or 3" and weighs approximately 190 pounds, bears a remarkable facial resemblance to photographs of BECKHAM which appeared in the New Orleans newspapers after the latter's appearance before the Grand Jury here, stated that he first met BECKHAM in February of 1967 in a bar in Omaha, Nebraska; however, subsequent disclosure of cards which LAVENDER showed me dispute this statement. LAVENDER stated that BECKHAM showed him a Louisiana State Police badge which he carried, cards which indicated that he had been a minister in the Catholic church and in the Universal Life Church. The card from Universal Life Church showed that it's address was 1766 Poland Drive, Modesto, Calif.,

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be significant.
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and it was issued by the Rev. KIRBY J. HENSLEY. Both BECKHAM, according to LAVENDER, and LAVENDER, according to my observations, seem to have made something of a fetish of carrying cards and certificates of membership in various organizations. For example, LAVENDER said that BECKHAM obtained for him an honorary Attorney General's card from the State of Louisiana and he displayed a card signed by the Attorney General apparently, JACK P. F. GREMILLION and dated, however, May 13, 1964. This would indicate that had BECKHAM actually obtained that card for LAVENDER as he stated, LAVENDER would have had to know BECKHAM several years prior to his admitted meeting of the man in a bar in Omaha.

LAVENDER states that BECKHAM now has broken away from the Universal Life Church and started his own church organization which he calls Universal Life Churches of America, Inc. LAVENDER states that BECKHAM always appears to be without funds, that he files various corporation papers for sundry people and makes a living from the fees he charges therefor.

LAVENDER says that the time news of the Garrison investigation into the Warren Commission first broke in February 1967 BECKHAM told him that FERRIE was a pilot, a homosexual, he made fun of FERRIE and said that he had had nothing to do with the assassination but "You watch, he'll be dead in a couple of weeks." BECKHAM also told him, LAVENDER said, of the death of an Associated Press reporter who died in bed in Georgia or Alabama late in 1965 or early 1966, whom BECKHAM claimed was killed because of his inside knowledge of the assassination. However LAVENDER could not recall the name of the reporter.

LAVENDER said BECKHAM told him he had assisted in establishing a fund raising office with SERGIO ARCACHA and LOUIS RABEL in the New Orleans area for anti-Castro activity.

LAVENDER describes FRED CRISMAN as 53 or 54 years of age, an intellectual, gray haired, "somewhat of SHAW's type", approximately 5'9" to 10" in height, 175 to 180 pounds, wears glasses when reading, owns an expensive but limited wardrobe. He states that CRISMAN is an extreme right winger who continuously writes anti-Kennedy articles and essays apparently for publication in magazines. He states that when BECKHAM was subpoenaed for Grand Jury testimony, CRISMAN called him (LAVENDER) and said that he would "kill BECKHAM if I am subpoenaed as a result of anything he says -- not that I know anything about the conspiracy, of course." LAVENDER quotes CRISMAN as having said that he made numerous trips from Olympia, Washington, to New Orleans and Dallas, that he made a number of trips with BECKHAM to the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans for meetings. He states that CRISMAN has described himself as being sadistic in sexual practice preferences.

LAVENDER states that he has seen CRISMAN on an average of once or twice a week during the year 1967 but knows of no particular aircraft journeys CRISMAN has made during that period of time.

Note: Some sexual preferences as given SHAW. H.O.A.'s office obtained blood-stained undergarments during search of SHAW's apartment.

As a matter of fact he states that he has been almost exclusively in the Olympia-Seattle area. Note the discrepancy in this comment and the claim in the anonymous letter from Orlando, Florida, which states that FRED LEE CRISMAN of Tacoma, Washington, flies to New Orleans steadily "twenty-four times in 1967". LAVENDER at first contended that CRISMAN's unlisted telephone number did not begin with the "Main" exchange, however, when later after being tested he was shown a copy of the Orlando letter, he stated it was true, that it had been Main 7-4790 as stipulated in that letter but that within the past three weeks CRISMAN had changed the number and his new number was now Main 7-6330.

LAVENDER said that CRISMAN told him that ARCACHA SMITH and LOUIS RABEL said that they had accumulated between four and five hundred thousand dollars in cash from various fund raising enterprises and private backers. That they as a matter of safe keeping for the money had placed it in BECKHAM's hands in a suitcase and had sent him aloft flying around the country from one city to another as custodian of the money. He supposedly flew under the name of MIKE NELSON and stayed in touch with ARCACHA. Eventually, the story goes, ARCACHA and RABEL and their backers decided that the money would be used to assassinate President Kennedy. However, in order to throw the authorities off BECKHAM was instructed to land at the Miami airport in possession of some \$30,000 of the total amount, the rest being stored somewhere else and arrangements were made to have the FBI and the CIA arrest ARCACHA and RABEL and BECKHAM at the Miami airport and confiscate the \$30,000, the plan being, it was hoped, that the FBI and CIA would think that this was all of the money which ARCACHA and RABEL had been able to abscond with.

LAVENDER added that CRISMAN owns no automobile himself, that he drives friends' older model automobiles which he can borrow from time to time and that he has been ordained a bishop in the Universal Life Church from Modesto by the Rev. K. J. HENSLEY, President.

The high point of the entire three-hour interview and cross examination seemed to have been the story of BECKHAM being custodian for the four to five hundred thousand dollars of stolen funds and LAVENDER appeared to have to work himself up to telling the story towards the end of the interview. He seemed much relieved after he had told the story but throughout the interview he seemed to consult his attorney by expression, by facial expression, and I got the distinct feeling that LAVENDER was on stage reiterating a story which he had been encouraged to tell us.

LAVENDER said that BECKHAM told him he had a private detective friend in Texas City. Later he said, according to LAVENDER, that he had met DAVID FERRIE one time through the efforts of a private detective named JACK MARTIN.

I strongly suggest this entire story as well as the receipt of the letters from Seattle and Orlando bear a distinct JACK MARTIN flavor. It's recommended that the facts contained therein be taken with a generous portion of salt. If for no other reason, than the fact

NOTE: An interesting gratuitous observation by Bosley (Wood) - an accredited "former" C.I.A. agent - particularly since our original CRISMAN file seems to have departed along with Bosley. JJ

that I have never met anyone either in the CIA or among right-wing donors to political causes who would (A) entrust a large sum of money to either BECKHAM or LAVENDER or others of their ilk, or (B) permit such funds to be flown around the country in a suitcase which might become misplaced or stolen at baggage terminals along the airline routes. Some of the information about CRISMAN might be checked through the American Express Company which is suing CRISMAN, according to LAVENDER, for past due charges on a card which he held from that concern.

Of MARTIN GRASSI, LAVENDER stated that he is "A real crook" in the used car business in Seattle and that CRISMAN had introduced LAVENDER to GRASSI whom he understands is on the fringe in the Mafia. However, he was unable to offer any connection between BECKHAM and GRASSI and between GRASSI and the assassination.

5/23/68 references - file - no suit or info
from American Express Co. - No record -

R: FRED LEE CRISMAN

TACOMA NEWS MEMO

FRED LEE CRISMAN
WILBERT D. WHITE
928 No. Grant
Tacoma, Washington
JULIO GRASSI
Seattle, Washington

(SOURCE:
TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE (1968))
(MORE OF FRED CRISMAN'S
AND SEEMING IRRELEVANCE
TO REALITY)

Fred Lee Crisman came to my attention on or about 15 April 68. As a reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune, I was covering the story of a new OEO Operation Headstart program designed for Gypsy children. The local OEO administrative branch, Opportunity Development, Inc. of Tacoma, referred me to a "Dr. Crissman" who had prepared an independent research study on Gypsies, on which the new program was based. I contacted Crissman and had an hour-long telephone interview which resulted in a front-page news article (Add. 1).

On 18 April 68, I received a call from Walter West, manager of the Tacoma Better Business Bureau. He informed me that I had best check his files on "Dr. Crissman" before basing more stories on his research studies. The same day, I visited the BBB and went through the files on Fred Lee Crisman, area Gypsies and the Universal Life Church. It was obvious from the information West had collected over a time that Crisman was involved in several shady deals and should be checked further.

On 19 April 68, I visited the Tacoma Police Dept. and informed Chief Charles Zittel of the situation. Since the TNT enjoys good relations with the PD, I was allowed to check the records of Crisman. With the exception of traffic offenses, the check turned up little information. I noted, however, that Crisman had file cards under the names Fred L. Crisman, F. Lee Crisman, and Fred Lee Crissman. The identification officer, Lt. Bob Major expressed an interest in the case and remembered the department had investigated Crisman earlier for a bunco scheme. He speculated that Crisman wanted to get the Gypsy program started, be appointed administrator, then steal the funds some way. This sounded like a practical scheme since Crisman is one of few non-Gypsies who can move freely among them and the eventual OEO program will amount to about \$500,000.

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Crisman case and the detective remembered that the investigation involved the Northwest Relief Society, a branch of the Universal Life Church. Crisman had set up a second-hand store next to the church (a vacant theater) and was operating without license. Finally, local police forced him to shut down, but they had word he simply moved the operation to a city in Eastern Washington.

Acting on advice from the detective, I contacted a Mr. Wrenn at the State Attorney General's office in Olympia. Wrenn remembered working on several cases involving Crisman and the NRS in small bunco operations. He said he had a file on Crisman and associates, including Julio Grassi, ex-Gov. Rosellini, and an Eastern entertainer, that was "six inches thick". He asked to call back after lunch and he would check it. I contacted him after lunch, but Wrenn stated the Crisman file had been "mislaidd" and was nowhere in his files. He said it simply had disappeared. i.e. A former police officer from Tacoma who was a close associate of Grassi and Crisman was employed as an investigator for the AG's office at the time.

I then went to the TNT morgue and photocopied the Grassi file (Add 2). With this information, I went to Robert E. Lee, public affairs director for ODI, and suggested he leave Crisman out of the Gypsy program. He agreed, but wanted me to accompany him on a visit to Miller Stevens to explain why Crisman was being cut.

On or about 22 April 68, we arrived at the store-front home of Stevens. As we pulled up, a Cadillac pulled in beside us and Fred Crisman entered the house with us. Thus, we were forced to talk to both Crisman and Stevens. We explained that some of Crisman's "friends" had "bad records" and it would perhaps be a good idea if he stayed in the background of the OEO program. Crisman then left for a few minutes and returned with a notebook. With documents in the notebook, he proceeded to prove to us his good character.

In the book, in plastic covers, were the following documents:

A Top Secret Washington State Courier's ID card signed by Gov. Rosellini
an ID card from Interpol; several ID cards from various semi-police
agencies i.e. Special Investigator, National Police Chiefs Asso., etc.;
two letters from Gov. McKeithan of La. praising Crisman for his work
on behalf of the State of Louisiana; transcripts and PhD diploma

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from Brantridge Forest School in England; letters from officials of the Universal Life Church, and other documents. He bragged that he did all the political writing for ex-Gov. Wallace and said he would write for anyone that met his price. We asked Crisman for proof of the purported survey he took of Gypsies nationwide and for proof of his educational background. On the Gypsies, he showed us a report from the U. of Washington, and said he had burned his notes. He claimed to have a BA and BS from Willamette U., MA from ^{WGU} UW, PhD from Brantridge Forest and a DD from Athenaeum Ecumenical Divinity Institute, in Cleveland, Ohio. Actually, he has only a BA from Willamette (Add. 3).

In any case, Crisman agreed to remain out of the OEO project. (To date, however, Stevens still is requesting that Crisman be appointed administrator).

Because I was interested in pursuing the Crisman matter, West at the BBB made several other inquiries about the man and came up with some interesting information. At the time of our meeting, I had asked Crisman if he knew anything about an organization called the ^(ADD.3-4) Servants of Awareness. I didn't tell him, but one of his ULC board members called West to report Crisman was heading the secret order. On 1 May 68, I received a letter at the TNT from Crisman, bearing no postmark or return address (Add. 4).

I kept in touch with the BBB regarding the man and his criminal affiliations, but gave little thought to the matter until 11 June 68. On that date, I was approached by the credit manager at the TNT and told a State Dept. investigator was here checking out Crisman and Grassi. I checked with the BBB and the man had been there also. He had given his name as E. Carl McNabb, of P.O. Box 648, Goleta, Calif., and said he came to Tacoma from Vancouver, Canada where he also had checked Crisman. The BBB gave him no information except the prepared report ^(ADD.10) on the ULC. Apparently he was satisfied and left, leaving word to send him any material we developed further on Crisman or Grassi. He also left behind several warnings about the pair (Add.5).

This occurred right after the Wheat incident in Oregon, and I began to connect the California visitor with Crisman and his contacts. It seemed that he could fit into the New Orleans investigation somewhere. I wrote to Steve Burton in L.A. who answered that he wanted all information possible on the Universal Life Church.

This indicated that I possibly was on the right track. I was joined in the Crisman investigation on or about 1 July 68 by George Rennar, our Seattle CCI man, and Harold Porter, with the Tacoma CCI. Rennar received word from Burton shortly thereafter that an arrest or subpoena may be made in our area and we concluded Crisman was the likely suspect. I went to the BBB and, without giving them a reason, was allowed to copy documents from Crisman's file. Rennar began checking the World Wide Advertising, Inc. in Seattle owned in part by Grassi. Little came from this outside of the fact they do a large business nationally on advertising specialties and are not considered ethical by other advertising companies. E. Williams, familar in this area for several years, heads the agency with Grassi in the background. Meanwhile, Rennar was unsuccessful in connecting Crisman with the Wallace Headquarters in Seattle. I discovered, however, that Crisman had authored a libelous tabloid newspaper that was distributed by Tacoma opponents of the council-mayor form of government (Add. 6). Tacoma is headed by a conservative mayor who wants to usurp the power of the city manager. Crisman had written the unsigned attack under the name of the Civic Improvement Alliance. It was believed to have been printed by Marshall Riconosciuto, a small time advertising man here who specializes in handling conservative political candidates, including Julio Grassi in two attempts. ^(add 2) Miller Stevens confided to me that the next issue of the paper is to be an attack on Walter West of the BBB.

West has been a long-time target of Crisman. Although the two have met only once, West keeps his file on Crisman up-to-date and warns inquiring businessmen to stay away from him. Crisman has authored five libelous letters about West and sent them to different businessmen in the community, who usually give them to West. In the series of letters, Crisman has accused (with "documentary" evidence) West of being the "pinball king", a white slaver, the state's top Communist, and an ex-con and extortionist. All the charges are blatantly false. In the most recent attack, distributed 14 May 68 July 68, Crisman accused West of being the leader of the Washington Minutemen. What is interesting is that somewhere, he got hold of Minuteman letterhead

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Re: FRED LEE CRISMAN

RESULTS OF OREGON CHECK BY FRED NEWCOMBE, 18 July 68.

→ (NEWCOMBE MEMO)

After researching Crisman and associates in Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe left for their home in Los Angeles. They planned to check out our Oregon leads on the way down.

On 18 July 68, after being assured by Mr. Alcock that Crisman was involved, I received a telephone call from the Newcombes who had reached the Klamath Falls home of Lawrence Haapanen (Lt. USAF), a member of the Washington CCI. Newcombe first had checked a Portland address (4610 NE. Emerson) listed as the Universal Life Church in Crisman's booklet (Add. 10). They found it to be the home address of Walter Dawes, listed in the booklet as a Trustee of the ULC. Dawes is listed in the Portland city directory as a painting contractor. While in Portland Newcombe checked the morgue at the Oregonian for references to the ULC. He found a story dated 3 April 68 which listed the permanent membership as around 50. The article also said Rev. Kirby Hensley had been accused of abetting draft dodgers by ordaining them as ministers in the ULC. Reportedly, 6,000 ministers have been appointed since 1962. Hensley is listed in Crisman's booklet as being National President of the ULC with headquarters in Modesto, Calif. The story, however, said Hensley was from Denver where he is running for President on the Universal Party ticket. He also ran for President in 1964 on the same ticket. A convention of the Universal Party reportedly was held in Denver 4 March 68.

In Salem, Newcombe attempted to get a picture of Crisman from his college yearbook at Willamette U., but found the library closed.

The previously mentioned White ranch was located by Newcombe in Carlton, Ore. Checking with the local postmaster, he found the place listed under the name R. L. Crisman. The local address is Meadowlake Road, and the phone number is 852-7453. Newcombe said the place is about 50 acres, has a large farmhouse, 3-4 barns and appears to be a working ranch.

In continuing investigations, Tacoma CCI is checking Crisman and White, Haapanen (Ore.) is checking a Gypsy there named Duke Ephraim, Perry Adams (Goleta CCI) is checking McNabb. #

THE
WHITE
RANCH

E.L. White

Through certain discreet sources, we have been able to keep a constant check on the mail received at P.O. Box 722 (Universal Life Church) and 928 N. Grant. The checks began Monday, 15 July 68 and will continue as needed. Mail to date has been: Two copies of "The Plain Truth" addressed to Mrs. Eva White; The Newsweek Talking Newsletter, from P.O. Box 6146, Louisville, Ky. addressed to E.L. White; two copies of an advertisement for "The Incredible Power of Kezuima" by Frank R. Young sent bulk rate from Englewood, N.J. to Mr. F. Lee.

At the ULC box, there was one letter from Griffin, Boyle & Enslow, Tacoma attorneys, addressed to Fred L. Crisman. 18 July 68, Crisman received at home a copy of REPORTS (has subscription)

REPORT FROM WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPTD. received by BBB 3 May 68.

1939-Graduated Vale Union High School, Vale, Ore.

39-40-Attnd. Eastern Ore. College of Education.

40-47-Unaccountable. Crisman has no military record of service.

47-48-Again at EOCE at LeGrande, Ore.

48-51-At Willamette University. March '51, recommended for teaching. Recvd. BA 10 June 51.

52-53-Unaccountable. Claims he attended U of W, but no record.

53-55-Taught social sciences at Salem High School.

56-57-Taught English at Elgen, Ore.

57-60-Taught at Buckley High School, Wash.

60-Present-Not clear. Crisman worked for a time at Boeing in Seattle. He was fired from there, however, and is unable ever to return. The records are not releasable. (Add. 9).

This combination is representative of standard dis-associative technique relative to intelligence drop - cover assignment.